

On Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 10:18 PM Ariel BenYishay <[ariel.benyishay@gmail.com](mailto:ariel.benyishay@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Members of the FOIA Council,

I am a resident of Virginia and am writing to ask you to support HB2196 as it was approved by the Record Issue subcommittee. In my work as a Data Scientist and Professor of Economics, I believe that transparency is critically important in all aspects of our government. This bill would go a long way toward increasing accountability among law enforcement, helping communities avoid detrimental and expensive situations by providing insight into the complaints made about their police departments.

The complaints made available by this bill also need to include sustained and unsustained complaints. I have heard arguments by the police unions that this will discourage applicants, but I believe we should only want to employ people who are not concerned about hiding their disciplinary record as public servants.

Please support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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